

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-26 (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) An electronic camera including a camera body attachable to a detachable memory comprising:

an image pickup portion which picks up an image of an object;

an instruction member which is operated by a user for instructing start of image taking;

a compression portion which compresses still image data ~~picked up by said image pickup portion~~ at a predetermined compressibility, the still image data being picked up by said image pickup portion after the user operation of said instruction member;

a recording portion which records the image data compressed by said compression portion on ~~a~~ the memory which is ~~detachably attached~~ attached to the camera body;

a remaining capacity detection portion which detects a remaining capacity of said memory ~~attached;~~

a calculation portion which calculates previous to the user operation of said instruction member the number of still images capable of being recorded on said memory based on the remaining capacity detected by said remaining capacity detection portion and a compressed data amount compressed by said compression portion;

~~an instruction member by means of which an operation for instructing start of image taking is applied by a user;~~

a display portion which is provided on ~~an outer surface of said electronic camera~~ the camera body and which displays a moving image of the object picked up by said image pickup portion before applying an operation to said instruction member; and

a control portion which causes the number of recordable still images calculated by said calculation portion previous to the user operation of said instruction member to be displayed overlapping with the moving image on said display portion.

28. (previously presented) An electronic camera according to claim 27, further comprising a selection portion by means of which one of three compressed data amounts compressed by said compression portion is selected by a user, and wherein said calculation portion calculates

the number of still images capable of being recorded on said memory based on the compressed data amount selected by said selection portion and the remaining capacity detected by said remaining capacity detection portion.

29. (previously presented) An electronic camera according to claim 27, wherein said control portion causes said display portion to display that the memory is not attached when the memory is not attached to said electronic camera.

30. (new) An electronic camera according to claim 27, wherein said detachable memory is a memory card which is able to record a plurality of compressed image data, and the amount of each compressed image data fluctuates.